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This is a summary of previous information on the ground attack units of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army received since the summer of 1949.

Disposition of Ground Attack Regiments.

1. During the summer of 1949, six ground attack (GA) regiments were observed with the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. These regiments were organized into one corps of two GA divisions, each division being composed of three regiments. The regiments were disposed as follows:

GA Corps Hqs FINSTERWALDE

(A) CA Div Hqs GROSSMURRAIN

(a) GA Regt DRESDEN
(b) GA Regt GROSSENHAUSEN
(c) GA Regt GROSSENHAUSEN

(B) GA Div Hqs FINSTERWALDE

(d) GA Regt COTTBUS
(e) GA Regt FINSTERWALDE
(f) GA Regt FINSTERWALDE

Note: To avoid confusion in the following study the two ground attack divisions are designated with the letters (A) and (B) and the six regiments with the letters (a) to (f), in order to properly follow their discussion throughout.

2. In the fall of 1949, air force maneuvers were held in which all the air units of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army participated. At the end of the maneuvers, the GA regiments did not return to their former airfields but were transferred to the following new locations: GA corps from FINESTADAL to FINESEN; GA division headquarters () from GROSSEMMAIN to JUTTERBOG;

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regiment (a) from DRESDEN to JUETERBOG-ALTES LAGER; regiment (b) from GROSSENHAIN to JUETERBOG-ALTES LAGER; regiment (c) from GROSSENHAIN to KOETHEN; GA division headquarters (B) from FINSTERWALDE to DOEBERITZ; regiment (d) from COTTBUS to SCHOENWALDE; regiment (e) from FINSTERWALDE to DOEBERITZ; and regiment (f) from FINSTERWALDE to DOEBERITZ.

3. In pursuance of the airfield improvement program which began in the Soviet Zone of Germany in 1950, the airfields occupied by the three ground attack regiments of division (A) were affected. JUETERBOG-ALTES LAGER and KOETHEN airfields were evacuated by the GA regiments in early-April 1950. Stendal Reinsdorf, and Staaken were used as alternative fields. While the ground attack division headquarters (A) probably remained in JUETERBOG-ALTES LAGER, the regiments were transferred as follows:

- (a) GA Regt from JUETERBOG-ALTES LAGER to REINSDOERF.
- (b) GA Regt from JUETERBOG-ALTES LAGER to STAAKEN.
- (c) GA Regt from KOETHEN To STENDAL.

4. Upon completion of construction work, the units returned to their former airfields during the first half of October 1950. JUETERBOG-ALTES LAGER airfield was again evacuated by the ground attack regiments (a) and (b) and the division headquarters (A) between late-January and early February 1951. In early-April 1951, the ground attack regiment (c) from KOETHEN was transferred to REINSDOERF. No further transfers of this division were observed. Thus, the division was disposed as follows as of April 1951:

- (A) GA Div Hqs BRANDENBURG
- (a) GA Regt STAAKEN
- (b) GA Regt BRANDENBURG-ARADO
- (c) GA Regt REINSDOERF.

The regiments of division (A) repeatedly changed their locations since the fall of 1949, whereas the regiments of division (B) remained at Doeberitz and Schoenwalde airfields. Only ground attack regiment (e) or (f) was temporarily transferred to ERFURT-BINDERSLEBEN airfield between 27 September and 26 October 1950, probably during maneuvers.

5. It is believed that the ground attack units of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army are now disposed as follows:

- GA Corps Hqs FALKENSEE
- (A) GA Div Hqs BRANDENBURG
- (a) GA Regt STAAKEN
- (b) GA Regt BRANDENBURG
- (c) GA Regt REINSDOERF
- (B) GA Div Hqs DOEBERITZ
- (d) GA Regt SCHOENWALDE
- (e) GA Regt DOEBERITZ
- (f) GA Regt DOEBERITZ

There are indications that another GA unit is stationed at STRAUSBERG airfield. This unit, however, is equipped with conventional fighters. It is possibly a training unit for ground attack pilots. *

Equipment, Organization, and Strength.

6. The GA regiments of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army are equipped with IL-10s, and some IL-2s and UTL-10s for training purposes. Contrary to the fighter and bomber units, the GA regiments are still equipped with conventional

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aircraft. Although the IL-10 is considered a good plane for ground attack missions, it is considered obsolete. It is believed that the production of IL-10s has come to an end. No information has been received on the construction of a jet powered ground attack plane as a follow-up model to the IL-10. It is possible that the MIG-15, or a version of the MIG-15, is to be used as a ground attack plane until a new model is considered fit for employment.

7. [redacted] a GA regiment is organized into four squadrons, each of which consists of three flights of four planes each. Thus, a GA regiment has an authorized strength of about 56 planes, as follows: 50X1-HUM

Four squadrons of 12 planes each	48 IL-10s
Headquarters squadron of four planes	4 IL-10s
Training planes	4 IL-2s or UIL-10s.
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8. On the basis of this number for one regiment, the six GA regiments of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army would be equipped with a total of about 340 GA aircraft. [redacted] the average total number of aircraft is smaller by about 10 to 20 percent. 50X1-HUM

This might be explained by the fact that [redacted] all the ground attack planes stationed at the fields since some planes are possibly aloft or transferred to other fields, or because non-local GA aircraft are temporarily stationed at the fields. This also accounts for considerable fluctuations in the number of aircraft observed at a field when compared with the authorized strength mentioned above. It is believed that the regiments are actually up to authorized aircraft strength. 50X1-HUM

9. About 300 to 350 officers and EM including flying and technical personnel, are assigned to each GA Regt. Each squadron of 12 planes has approximately the following personnel:

2 men, flying personnel, on each plane.	24 officers
3 men, technical personnel, assigned to each plane; one officer in charge of the maintenance and two NCOs or EM.	
9 ordnance mechanics, 3 on each flight	36 officers and EM
	9 EM
Total personnel strength of one squadron	69 officers and EM

10. Since each ground attack regiment is composed of four squadrons it has a total strength of 276 officers and EM, in addition to the regimental headquarters and the general personnel of the squadron of about 50 to 70 officers and EM. It is believed that the actual personnel strength of a ground attack regiment slightly exceeds the authorized strength.

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